

ANDOVER GLEN GAZETTE

DECEMBER 2014

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

By Deb Jones

The Andover Glen Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. This year we have four families that have graciously agreed to host our dinner and desserts. We will have appetizers and dinner at one house and then all meet at Leyton Lodge for drinks and dessert. Please don't forget the "Annual Drink Contest." To enter the contest you need to bring enough of your favorite alcoholic drink for three judges to taste. **Please remember that this event requires everyone to RSVP if you are attending.** When you RSVP, I will let you know the address of the home you will be attending for dinner. Please call Debra at 303-690-9459 to RSVP by January 7, 2015. This is an adult event.

ANDOVER GLEN HOLIDAY EVENT PLANNING MEETING

Please plan to attend the planning meeting for the Annual Holiday Party. Discussions will encompass selection of host homes, menu planning, activities and themes for progressive dinner households, and much more. (i.e. will Holiday caroling return to Andover Glen this year?)

Thursday, December 4, 7-9 pm. at Kathy Johnson's home. 4898 S Dillon St
Please RSVP to Deb Jones at
Debsew79Amsn.com, or Kathy Johnson
at Johnson851@msn.com

HEY, WHERE'S YOUR RSVP?

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From time to time, I e-mail friends to invite them to join me for events. Often, I receive no response – neither yes nor no. Do people think e-mails are simply not pressing or have no weight that requires proper etiquette in replying?

The "RSVP Problem" has been with us since the dawn of hand-written invitations and persists even with e-mail and electronic invites. Alas, technology is yet again, not the solution we had hoped it would be. Unfortunately, there's an additional problem these days: Everyone seems loath to commit, as if hoping for a better invitation to arrive. For these folks, a "yes" means "maybe" and a "maybe" means "no". As for an actual "no" I'd be happy to know that, so that I could plan properly.

In your next e-mail invitation, state clearly; "Please let me know by Tuesday if you can join me." Implicit is the fact that your invitation expires at midnight on said date. Of course, if you're in a giving mood, you could resort to a retro tactic – call and ask if they've received the invitation!!

Yes?

No?

Maybe?

Be considerate to the volunteers planning the neighborhood parties by sending your RSVP ASAP.

BE SMART, BE SAFE

Several homes in our neighborhood sustained substantial damage from the hailstorm in September. If you haven't had your roof inspected, it might be wise to do so. Because of the damage, we have seen a spike in contractors in the neighborhood soliciting business. Be careful to check references on these contractors to make sure that they are licensed in Aurora. We will be having additional traffic in the neighborhood as the repairs are being made. Don't invite trouble into your home or those in the neighborhood. Be safe and keep your doors and windows locked and garage doors closed. Call 911 if you see anything suspicious.

WINTER IS HERE

Winter arrived with a vengeance after a warm and mild October. It was a harsh reminder to get our children, homes, and autos ready for the cold and snow. Also, remember to remove snow and ice from your sidewalks within 24 hours of the end of the storm. This is not only an Aurora City Code, but also a matter of safety for those walking in our neighborhood. We have several children that walk to school every day and others in the neighborhood that enjoy walking, running, and other activities at nearby Sagebrush Park. Even one inch snowfall needs to be cleared.

If you are away from home during the holidays, please coordinate with a neighbor or friend to remove the snow and ice, or contact one of the several young entrepreneurs in the neighborhood that are always looking for a way to earn some spending money

2015 HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Positions for the elected 2015 Andover Glen HOA Board of Directors are:

President: Bob Stracy
Vice-President: Dave Kline
Secretary: Carie Eisenberg
Treasurer: Dick Moore
Architectural Control: Dave Estes
Neighborhood Watch: Derrick Laughlin
Welcoming: Pete O'Meara
Social: Deb Jones & Kathy Johnson

Contact information for all board members can be found on the community website:

www.andoverglen.org

The strength of our community lies in the participation of its members. As always, we encourage participation from the community whether it be serving on the Board of Directors, volunteering for community projects, attending the summer parade/picnic or the annual holiday party, or just attending the monthly meetings. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month (except December), 7:00 pm at Shalom Park.

REMINDERS

Remember to submit an Architectural Change Request form for any exterior remodeling, repair, or painting of your home that can be viewed from the street. Architectural Change Request forms are available on the community website: **www.andoverglen.org** Please provide the completed form to Dave Estes or any Board officer at least one week prior to the work being started.